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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/760,243	SILVERBROOK ET AL. <i>(initials)</i>
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Laura E. Martin	2853

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 1/21/04.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 21 January 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>11/03/04</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: 17c; 500. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

Claim 4 is objected to because of the following informalities: claim 4 is dependent on itself; examiner assumes claim 4 is to be dependent on claim 3. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3 and 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Silverbrook et al. (US 6439908).

As per claim 1, Silverbrook et al. discloses a printhead assembly (10), comprising: at least one printhead module (12) comprising at least two printhead integrated circuits (18), each of which has nozzles (42) formed therein for delivering printing fluid onto the surface of the print media, and a support member (28) supporting the at least two printhead integrated circuits; and a casing (14) in which the at least one printhead module is removably mounted, wherein the support member has at least one longitudinally extending channel (72) for carrying the printing fluid for the printhead integrated circuits (C4, L41-44), and at least one fluid connector (78) is provided to connect at least one printing fluid delivery hose (110) from a printing fluid supply to the at least one channel at at least one longitudinal end of the at least one printhead module (C7, L5-15).

As per claim 2, Silverbrook et al. teaches a printhead assembly according to claim 1, wherein: the support member has complementary female (78) and male (88) end portions; and the at least one fluid connector is arranged to interconnect with either the female or male end portion (88).

As per claim 3, Silverbrook et al. teaches a printhead assembly, wherein a sealing adhesive (84) is provided at the interface (14) of the interconnected at least one printhead fluid connector and printhead module.

As per claim 5, Silverbrook et al. teaches a printhead assembly, wherein the at least one fluid connector (78) has at least one tubular portion for connecting with the at least one fluid delivery hose (110) and the at least one tubular position is arranged to be in fluid connection with the at least one channel of the printhead module (C7, L5-15; figure 3).

As per claim 6, Silverbrook et al. teaches a printhead assembly wherein the at least one tubular portion (110) is arranged so as to form a linear fluid connection with the at least one first channel (figure 3).

As per claim 7, Silverbrook et al. teaches a printhead assembly, wherein two fluid connectors (42) are provided, one connected at each longitudinal end of the at least one printhead module, for providing fluid supply from both ends of the at least one channel (figure 3).

As per claim 8, Silverbrook et al. teaches a printhead assembly, wherein the at least one printhead module (12) is formed as a unitary arrangement of the at least two printhead integrated circuits (18), the support member (28), at least one fluid distribution member (72) mounting the at least two printhead integrated circuits to the support member, and an electrical connector (C3, L59-65) for connecting electrical signals to the at least two printhead integrated circuits; and the support member has a plurality of apertures (72) extending through a wall of the support member arranged so as to direct the printing fluid from the at least one channel to associated nozzles in both, or if more than two, all of the printhead integrated circuits by way of respective ones of the fluid distribution members (C4, L41-44).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Silverbrook et al. (US 6439908) in view of Lu et al. (US 2003/0007042).

Silverbrook et al. teaches a printhead assembly with sealing adhesive (84); however, it does not disclose the sealing adhesive being epoxy.

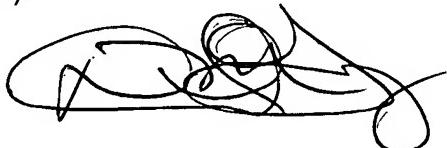
Lu et al. teaches sealing adhesive being epoxy (P2).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the invention of Silverbrook et al. with the disclosure of Lu et al. in order to create a more durable printhead.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura E. Martin whose telephone number is (571) 272-2160. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:00 - 3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David M. Gray can be reached on (571) 272-2119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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